AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 with the following new paragraph:

Thickness reduction ratio (%) = { ~~$(t_1 - t_2)/t_2$~~ $(t_1 - t_2)/t_1$ } x 100 .   ----- (2)

wherein t_1 is a thickness of the barrel portion of the secondary intermediate molded article, and t_2 is a thickness of the barrel portion of the polyester container which is the molded article.